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SUBJECT: SECOND MUSLIM SCHOOL BURNED IN THRACE

REF: THESSALONIKI 254

1. ANOTHER MUSLIM SCHOOL BURNED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, IN VILLAGE OF AGIOS SOSTIS OUTSIDE OF KOMOTINI. THIS WAS A DEFINITE CASE OF ARSON AND THE ARSONIST, DESCRIBED AS AN ANTI-TURKISH FANATIC WHO LIVED IN THE VILLAGE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED.

2. GOG HAS REACTED STRONGLY TO INCIDENT. MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE MARTIS CONDEMNED IT AND ORDERED FURTHER INCREASES IN POLICE PROTECTION FOR MUSLIM MOSQUES AND SCHOOLS. THE COMMANDER OF THE GREEK GENDARMERIE, LT. GEN. KOUTSIANTES, WHO WAS IN THRACE, PARTLY IN CONNECTION WITH EARLIER SCHOOL FIRE (REFTEL), IS REMAINING IN THRACE TO SUPERVISE THE INVESTIGATION.

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3. PRESS HAS REPORTED INCIDENT FULLY, BUT AT

SAME TIME SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS
ACT OF SINGLE PERSON. STORIES ALSO POINT
OUT THAT AGIOS SOSTIS IS SMALL VILLAGE 15 KILOMETERS FROM
NEAREST POLICE STATION AND THEREFORE POLICE PROTECTION
WAS NOT AVAILABLE. SCHOOL BURNINGS WERE SUBJECT OF HEADLINE
EDITORIAL IN SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" WHICH
SPECULATED THAT FOREIGN AGENTS WERE BEHIND THEM.
AMONG THOSE SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE CULPRITS WERE
TURKEY AND SOVIET UNION. USA ESCAPED MENTION
IN THIS CASE.
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